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Horan et al.

U.S. Serial No. 09/470,360

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RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.114

Sir:

In reply to the *Final Action*, Applicants file herewith a *Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114* and requests that all the claims be allowed in view of the amendments to the claims and remarks contained on the following sheets, a total of five pages, including the cover sheet.

Preliminarily, Applicants withdraw the *Appeal* with the filing of the present *RCE*.

A *Petition for Extension of Time* and fee for a one-month extension within which to file the *Brief* are included. No other extensions or fees are believed required; if however additional

extension and/or fees are deemed required, please consider this paper a *Petition* therefore and charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0935.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M W Ferrell".

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